

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action of October 2, 2008. Claims 1-8 and 17-21 are withdrawn from further consideration. Accordingly, claims 9-16 are currently presented for examination in the application. Applicants request further review and reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

The Examiner requires restriction since the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention, which are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. In particular, the Examiner asserts that the multiple species and claims readable thereon are as follows:

Species I; Figures 1-5; Claims 1-8

Species II; Figures 6-7; Claims 9-12

Species III: Figures 8-9; Claims 1, 9 and 14

Species IV: Figure 10; Claims 9-13, 15 and 16

Species V: Figure 11; Claims 9-12

Species VI: Figure 12; Claims 1 and 17-21.

From the above listing, it is apparent that claim 9 is generic to Species II-V. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect the Species II-V to be examined and submit that claims 9-16 are readable on the elected species. In the event that the Examiner requires Applicants

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to elect a single species pending a indication of the allowable subject matter of a generic claim, Applicants hereby elect Species II shown in Figures 6-7 and having claims 9-12 readable thereon (the same claims being readable on Species V shown in Figure 11). In that instance, the Examiner is authorized to withdraw claims 13-16 by Examiner's amendment, leaving only claims 9-12 pending for examination in the application.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for examination and allowance. Accordingly, an Office Action on the merits is awaited. Please charge any fees due and not already accounted for to Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

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